

E-mail Announcements for October 13, 2009

COUNTY EVENTS

***** JCPenney After School Round Up*****

The third JCPenney After School Round-Up is scheduled for October 16-25. Customers who shop at the JCPenney –Roseville store on Gratiot can donate to our county 4-H program whenever they chose to “round up” their purchases to the next dollar. Every amount counts-so please be sure to spread the word to family and friends and encourage them to shop till they drop from October 16-25 at the JCPenney Roseville store.

***** Club Officer Training *****

Club Officer Training will take place on Tuesday, December 1st, 6-8:30 p.m. at the Extension Office. Dinner will be provided. The following breakout sessions will follow a short general session: (1) Presidents, Vice Presidents, and Sgts.-at-Arms; (2) Secretaries/Clerks; (3) Treasurers and their adult helpers; (4) Historians and Reporters.

*****Club Enrollment Meetings*****

General Leaders: It's time to re-enroll your 4-H club for the 2009-10 program year! Existing 4-H members who want to show 4-H projects at the 2010 Armada Fair must be enrolled by the 1st business day in November. Contact the MSU Extension 4-H office to reserve a time during one of the following enrollment meetings to go over completed registration materials with a 4-H staff member.

Meetings are scheduled October 14th at Wolcott Farm from 5-7 pm; October 22nd at Armada High School Cafeteria from 4-8 p.m.; October 26th at Camp Rotary from 4-6:30 p.m.; and November 2nd at MSU Extension from 9a.m.-5 p.m. Small clubs take approximately ½ hour. Large clubs usually take about 1 hour. If the meeting dates, times or locations are not convenient for you, please contact the 4-H office at 586-469-6431 or Macomb.4h@macombcountymi.gov to make other arrangements.

*****Annual Summary Financial Statements*****

Reminder to General Leaders: Annual Summary Financial Statements and Club Inventory Forms for the 2008-09 program year (September 1, 2008-August 31, 2009) are due to the 4-H office by November 2, 2009. Clubs bringing in \$2,500 or more during the last program year must include a bank statement for each month. Clubs bringing in less than \$2,500 need to attach the beginning and ending bank statements only.

*****Apply for a Prudential Spirit of Community Award**

The search is on to find our top youth volunteer. If you are selected, you could receive \$1000, a silver medallion and a trip to Washington, D.C., next May. If you feel you've made a positive difference through a volunteer activity during the past year, visit <http://spirit.prudential.com>, click on the “How to Apply” link, and follow the onscreen instructions. When asked for the access key, type the word **spirit**. Print out of the completed applications need to be turned into our 4-H office no later than November 2, 2009. Any further questions, please contact Karen Hakim at (586) 469-6431.

*****Horse Program Committee Meeting*****

The next Horse Program Committee is October 26th at Camp Rotary at 7 p.m. The mini/draft sub-committee will be meeting at 6 p.m, prior to the whole committee. Please make sure that each club is represented at these meetings.

***** 4-H Scholarship Information Now Available Online*****

4-H scholarships are provided to recognize meritorious 4-H work and to encourage 4-H members to continue their education beyond high school. Present and former 4-H members are eligible to apply. All applications are reviewed on a competitive basis. Deadlines to apply for some scholarships are November 1st, so don't delay. Application forms and more information can be found at <http://web1.msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/scholar.html>

*****2009 County Awards Information*****

The 2009 Award forms are available on line at <http://www.macombcountymi.gov/msuextension/4hforms.htm>. Applications are due in the 4-H office on Monday, November 16, 2009. The judging will take place on November 19, 2009. The County Awards Banquet will be held on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. at the Macomb Intermediate School District, located on Garfield Road in Clinton Township.

This is a great opportunity to recognize members and volunteers for their outstanding efforts, and all General Leaders are asked to encourage their members to participate. It also gives members experience in filling out forms and gathering information that would be helpful in applying for State Awards. (Please note: youth do not have to win at the County level to participate in State Awards Program.)

A workshop has not been scheduled due to lack of demand over the last couple of years. I would be happy to provide individual or small group help for anyone needing help.

If you would like to be part of the judging team or if you have any questions concerning the County Awards process, please contact Karen Hakim at (586) 469-6431

Please mark these dates on your calendar and plan on joining us at the Awards Banquet for an enjoyable evening.

STATE EVENTS

***** 4-H Rabbit & Cavy Workshop *****

This workshop will be held at Kettunen Center on November 13-14, 2009. Gain new ideas and information about the rabbit and cavy project areas. Participants will choose from a variety of learning opportunities including management, health, nutrition, breeding, animal evaluation, crafts, games, showmanship and fun 4-H Club activities. The workshop will provide adult and team leaders, 12 years and up, the opportunity to exchange ideas, make new friends, and explore new areas with other individuals who are just as excited about rabbits and cavyes as you are! Participants are encouraged to develop plans for sharing the learning experiences back in their local counties. Cost is \$42.50 per person. Register with the county Extension office by 5 p.m. on October 30, 2009. Call 586-469-6431 for more information.

***** Adult Horse Leaders Conference *****

This workshop at Kettunen Center is designed for adult leaders who are involved with county 4-H Horse Programs. Topics include updates on current subject matter in the horse area and information to assist leaders in youth development, leadership skills for youth, youth activities, and opportunities beyond a county program. Interaction with leaders from different counties is encouraged, for exchanging of ideas and programs and meeting other volunteers in the same interest area. Open to 4-H horse project adult leaders. The workshop will be held November 20-22, 2009. Cost is \$67. Register through the Macomb County MSU Extension office by 5 p.m. on November 6.

***** 4-H Science Blast *****

Hey 4-H'er! If you think science is a blast, you'll love the "4-H Science Blast!" open house coming up October 31 at Michigan State University. At the 4-H Science Blast, you'll...

...turn simple ingredients such as sugar, corn syrup, leaves-even grass-into biofuel.

...use wind power to say "let there be light!"

...peddle your way to learning how hard it is to light different types of light bulbs.

...command a robot and learn how they are built.

...see how used cooking oil can power a school bus!

...blast off an easy-to-launch rocket.

...learn how 4-H SET (science, engineering and technology) projects help you 'get set' for the jobs of tomorrow!

The open house runs from 9 a.m. to noon Saturday morning in Michigan State University's Agriculture Hall Atrium, and there will be something for youth (and adults!) of every age to enjoy. The event is free with free parking in the adjacent lot.

Come spend Halloween morning at the 4-H Science Blast being a "mad scientist," where YOU get to perform the experiments! Call 1-888-MSUE-4MI to connect with your county Extension office and learn more about the 4-H Science Blast and 4-H SET programming, or visit our SET Web page at <http://msue.msu.edu/cyf/youth/scitech.html>.

*****4-H Teen Citizenship, Leadership & Service Conference *****

This exciting conference will take place January 23-24 at Kettunen Center. Teens ages 14 years old and up and adults will learn leadership and civic engagement skills to use to make a difference in their communities. The conference has sessions for both the 4-H and non-4-H member. There are several tracks to choose from and the announcement, coming soon, will have complete descriptions of each track. Teens and adults sign up for a track to attend throughout the weekend when they register. Registration opens October 30, 2009.



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